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## Request **Application Number** 09/764,681 FOR Filing Date January 18, 2001 Continued Examination (RCE) First Named Inventor Markus Haller TRANSMITTAL **Group Art Unit** Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, 2142 Provides for continued examination of an utility or plant B. Prieto Examiner Name application Filed on or after June 8, 1995. Attorney Docket Number P9418.00 See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pet. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

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